

Holidays: From the Black Wineglass. ©Xen.

Ah, Xgiving, Xmas year end orgies, festivities are here once again. Out of greed, retailers hold their shoddy products for ransom at obscene prices throughout the year in hopes of maximum gain from those people desperate or dumb enough to pay them. Then at year's end facing mountains of unsold merchandise that is useless as exchange medium for liabilities of it, retailers panic. Guilt trips through massive political and marketing campaigns devour consumers via mass media propaganda blitz of 'tradition,' 'for the children,' 'care and sacrifice for loved one's,' 'do not be a Scrooge,' or any other ruse that coerces people into unhealthy action to bail them out of their avarice, corrupt and greedy business decisions. Bait and switch sales with names like 'Black Friday' which sounds like a satanic ritual, entice consumers into the stores in mass frenzy more like a blood-spooked cattle stampede than a 'shopping event' in hopes of unloading their junk while capitalizing on full priced sales. Liquor adverts offer social lubricant and 'something for the nerves.' in addition are diversions of exotic travel, casino junkets, cruises, extended religious services and special masses all offered to soothe individual mounting anxieties that allow avoiding or at least dull out obnoxious family, guilt laden social gatherings or other mandatory obligations. Consumers mortgage their future earning via credit deals spending money yet unearned, un-owned, or to spend limited, needed resources foolishly, then suffer dearly juggling necessity obligations under threat of repossession, foreclosure to avoid pauper-existence, homelessness or worse. Such a sacrifice of personal, family welfare through indebtedness for junk that is useless before final balance due on revolving time purchases or the first payment due 3 years from now on baited buy now pay later schemes. Guilt trip, via mass-mind-control media such as Scrooge constantly sends messages of holiday participation is 'good' while not is being a 'bad 'ol Scrooge.' Without understanding why, people excessively celebrate the fantasy: over-drink, over-eat, over-spend, over-party, over-give, and sacrifice to a fault on someone else's borrowed resources as if this is their last moment of life. A bad reality hangover follows: overspending debts, addictions, legal and emotional troubles and other consequences of overindulgence, ad infinitum. Some of these follow some people as debts until paid others follow as unpayable debts for life. Many people never learn after repeated let downs because of their people pleasing, attention seeking for good opinion of others. Acting out a 'Norman Rockwell' fantasy of giving the perfect X-gift, Xmas to friends, relatives and guests attended through guilt obligations mailed in cards, letters, phone calls and these days email or other electronic media. Captives engaged in gatherings of superficial small talk, 'oh, we should do this again' when none present want to do it now or ever. The approval seekers who wish a pay-off of praises, 'ooh's and ahh's,' the 'god/goddess' idealized on a pedestal by everyone for his/her tireless, martyrdom of sacrifices. Providing attendees/friends, family; guests who reciprocate with indifference by eating, drinking, making messes then vanish often without kissing or thanking the host/hostess for the perfect, storybook Xmas. Who after the 'big disappointment' while facing menial cleanup tasks for her tireless, selfless efforts, which she worked so hard to guilt trip the un-gratefals into participation, in tears of anger she swears 'never again!' ending another holiday season with another declaration same as last year. Then she hits all the after Xmas close out sales in preparation for next holiday season 12 months hence.

A fitting reciprocation to his/her suffering ego in repayment of forcing obligation onto her victims. The air fills children's minds with the fairy tale of Santa bringing toys to good kids and nothing for the bad. How many children go to bed every Xmas thinking how awful and worthless are they because Santa did not visit with gift-toys like the good kids got, when the true reason is they are poor and cannot afford what rich kids get? How society pays lip service to caring for its 'children' as it enjoys such a merry season leaving the scars of it on the 'lesser advantaged, economically embarrassed' expressed as political correct terms for guilt ridden holidays that reward some while penalizing others supporting lies and myth behind greedy corruption. Oh how people schmooze together in holiday festivities parroting 'good will and peace towards all' while secretly plotting how to knife each other's back for a promotion, higher percentage, bonus, raise, coveted position, person or just for good measure? Celebrating Xmas day, Americans so comfortably hypocritical in the season of national-patriotism. While cooing peace on earth and goodwill to each other, elsewhere our nation mass-murders millions of innocent men, women and children around the globe in perpetual 'wars,' and other political violence. Calling a cease fire that day to begin mass murdering them the next because they are different or to rob them of what we want out of their meager existence, which is rife with starvation, pestilence and misery. For political expediency, Holiday cheer justifies this wholesale suffering to people of other nations while hiding behind idealistic labels of 'a war on terrorism or drugs or other phony idealism.' Wall Street bankers, politicians and profiteers celebrate trillions in profits from these exploits while media proclaims war is a great business in which to invest your sons, daughters and taxes to support the effort. Meanwhile, 'selfless-politicians' straightfaced purr to the sheeple that it is all for you and your "children's future." Happy Xgiving and Merry Xmas America: you deserve them.